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4 (Special)—Rep. Leslie C. Arends (Ill.) House Republican whip, charged tonight that the Kennedy Administration "watch and wait" foreign policy has "too little watching and too long waiting."

Arends made the charges in a speech prepared for delivery to a dinner of the Pinellas county Republican executive committee here.

The Democratic party, Arends said, has a 3 to 2 majority in the House of Representatives and a 2 to 1 majority in the Senate in Washington.

Responsibility of Democrats

"Clearly, whatever is done, or is left undone, is the responsibility of the Democratic party," Arends said.

"We Republicans cannot be held responsible if President Kennedy is unable to unite his party behind his program that would make people dependent on the government instead of the government dependent on the people."

He said that "the lords of the Kennedy dynasty" now employ all manner of devices and subtleties to control the news and "to mislead the American people."

Full Story Rarely Told

"The full story is never told unless it is a success story," he said.

In his judgment, the Congress and the people have not yet been told "the whole truth and nothing but the truth" about the Cuban situation, Arends reported.

He disclosed that an air force officer, Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Gerrity, recently told a closed-door House armed services committee meeting that the Pentagon "went into high gear" on Oct. 7 to bring men and weapons from as far as Turkey and the Philippines to Florida because of the Cuban crisis.

Watching and Waiting

Bear in mind, Arends said, President Kennedy and the White House have insisted that "the Soviet missile sites were first discovered on Oct. 14."

The American people are now "back where we started: 'Watching and waiting'" while the communist buildup in the Caribbean continues, just like the Kennedy administration watched and waited while the Russians built the Berlin wall, he said.